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CASABLANCA FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN SHIP SURVEYS MOZAMBIQUE FISH POTENTIAL

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS AN EAST GERMAN BOAT HAS COMPLETED A THREE-MONTH SURVEY OF MOZAMBIQUE WATERS, AND FOUND VALUABLE RESOURCES IN FISH AND DEEP-WATER SHRIMP. THE GOAL OF THE SURVEY WAS TO LOCATE NEW COMMERCIALY-EXPLOITABLE SPECIES AND CONCENTRATIONS, MAP THEM AND CALCULATE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF VARIOUS FISHING METHODS, AS WELL AS TRAIN MOZAMBIKANS IN DEEP-SEA FISHING.

2. THE SHIP "KATTGAT" IS 48 METERS LONG AND HAS A CREW OF 24, INCLUDING TWO SCIENTISTS. TWO OFFICIALS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED IN THE CRUISE. THE RESEARCH WAS UNDERTAKEN UNDER TERMS OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

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GPRM AND GDR SIGNED IN ROSTOK EARLIER THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND ITS EASTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES HAVE THEIR EYES ON THE RICH COMMERCIAL FISHING POTENTIAL OF MOZAMBIQUE'S 200-MILE OFFSHORE FISHING ZONE. THE "KATTGAT" WAS IN PORT DURING EMBOFF'S TRIP TO BEIRA IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND APPEARED TO HAVE MORE SOPHISTICATED SCIENTIFIC AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THAN OTHER

FISHING BOATS SEEN IN MOZAMBIQUE. ALTHOUGH TERMS OF THE ROSTOK  
FISHING AGREEMENTS ARE NOT KNOWN,THE EAST GERMANS WOULD UNDOUBTED-  
LY LIKE TO JOIN THE SOVIET UNION AND SPAIN OBTAINING COMMERCIAL  
FISHING RIGHTS FOR THEIR FLEET IN MOZAMBIQUE WATERS.CARSON

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